



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION IX
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Mr. Joseph P. Kwan
Corporate Director, Environmental Remediation
Northrop Grumman Corporation
2980 Fairview Park Drive
Falls Church, Virginia 22042-4511

Subject: EPA Request for (1) Historical Data and (2) Certification Regarding Retention of Documents, Pursuant to Administrative Order for Remedial Design and Remedial Action, Docket No. 2011-14

Dear Mr. Kwan:

Pursuant to Paragraphs 114 and 116 of the Administrative Order for Remedial Design and Remedial Action, Docket No. 2011-14 ("the Order"), EPA is requesting that Northrop Grumman provide to EPA, within twenty (20) days of the date of this letter, all historical data from 1955 to the present related to the former Benchmark facility and the Shallow Zone South of Puente Creek portion of the PVOU (as defined in the Order) that is in the possession of Northrop Grumman and/or its former and present consultants. In addition, please provide a comprehensive summary of the data that is submitted. All documents shall be in electronic form if the data exists in that format. If certain documents do not exist in electronic format, then please provide hard copies.

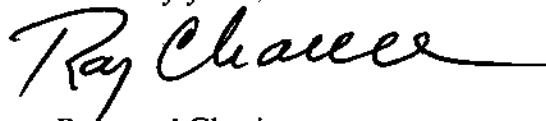
Please note that, pursuant to Paragraph 112 of the Order, Northrop "shall not assert confidentiality claims with respect to any data related to conditions, sampling, or monitoring within the Shallow Zone South of Puente Creek portion of the PVOU."

Pursuant to paragraph 116 of the Order, Northrop Grumman must also submit a written certification that it has not altered, mutilated, discarded, destroyed or otherwise disposed of any records, documents or other information relating to its potential liability with regard to the Shallow Zone South of Puente Creek portion of the PVOU since notification of its potential liability by EPA. This certification was due within forty-five (45) days of the effective date of the Order. The certification has not yet been received and is now overdue.

Compliance with this request is mandatory under the Order. If you have any technical questions about the request, please contact Raymond Chavira at (415) 947-4218. Please direct any legal questions to Lewis Maldonado, at (415) 972-3126.

We appreciate and look forward to your prompt response to this request.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ray Chavira". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ray" being more prominent than the last name "Chavira".

Raymond Chavira
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Puente Valley Operable Unit

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